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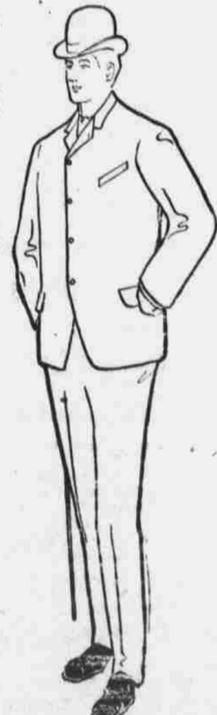
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## MONT PELEE SPOUTS FORTH ITS DEATH-DEALING FUMES

Two Hundred Inhabitants Added to Its Long List of Victims--Tidal Wave Sweeps Over Village of LeCarbet.

Eruption of Saturday Night Leaves Town of Morne Rouge a Heap of Ruins--Inhabitants of Island Are Panic-Stricken and Are Fleeing to the Interior--Crater of Mountain Now Quiet.

**CASTRIES, Island of St. Lucia, B. W. I., Sept. 1.**—The British steamer Korona arrived here yesterday evening from Fort de France, Island of Martinique. She reports that a terrible eruption of Mount Pelee occurred at 9 o'clock Saturday, and people who arrived at Fort de France from the northern part of the island reported that the village of Morne Rouge near the district previously devastated, had been entirely destroyed, and that LeCarbet, a village on the coast which was destroyed at the time of the great eruption, had been swept by a tidal wave. About 200 persons last their lives.

**HASSE TERRE, St. Kitts, B. W. I., Sept. 1.**—A series of loud reports were heard last night.  
**POINT A PIETRE, Island of Guadeloupe, Aug. 31.**—This entire port has been covered with a cloud of fine dust since 5 o'clock this morning and the population is panic-stricken. Fine ashes are falling continuously in a slight drizzle. Semi-darkness is over the sea and the ships in the harbor seem to be enveloped in a cloud of smoke.

**CABLES INTERRUPTED.**  
No Means of Learning Extent of the Destruction.

**ROSEAU, Dominica, B. W. I., Aug. 31.**—The thick mist which enveloped Roseau yesterday was taken as it approached for a rainstorm. The dust is still falling, although lightly, but during the night of the 30th the quantity of dust which fell here was greater than on any previous occasion since the first eruption of Mont Pelee, while at nightfall of the 30th a dark-colored cloud emitting electric flashes rose in the south, but it was gradually obscured by the mist caused by the falling ashes. Rumbling noises and a few detonations were heard during the night of the 30th. The people here are quiet. News has not yet reached here from Martinique.

A severe eruption of Mont Pelee, Martinique, was reported to have occurred at noon August 21. This report was brought to Castries, Island of St. Lucia, by officers of the French steamship Dahome. This eruption was followed by total darkness, five miles away from the volcano.

A dispatch received from St. Thomas August 26, said that between 10 o'clock in the morning and 3 in the afternoon of August 25 clouds of dust were seen in the direction of Mont Pelee from the island of Dominica. Detonations were heard and there were light showers of volcanic dust on the island.

The following message was received from Mont Pelee Tuesday, the 16th: "Since 2 p. m. today (Tuesday) prolonged rumbling noises in quick succession have been heard from the southward. There is every indication that Mont Pelee is in violent eruption."

A dispatch from Paris, dated August 28, said the latest dispatches received at the ministry of the colonies from Fort de France, Island of Martinique, were dated Monday, August 25. They made no mention of the reported eruptions of Mont Pelee. The Paris dispatches also said that the cables to Martinique, both north and south, continued to be interrupted.

Efforts made to communicate by cable direct with the Island of Martinique have proved unsuccessful.

**INHABITANTS FLEEING TO INTERIOR.**  
**FORT DE FRANCE, Sept. 1.**—Mont Pelee has been in constant eruption since August 15. The night of the 30th there were three separate eruptions. People of the village of LeCarbet are fleeing to the interior. Hot water is pouring down on Lorraine and other base points--villages northeast of the crater. Governor of Martinique has ordered every available boat to remove the people from the coast villages to Fort de France.

A tidal wave rushed upon Fort de

France and the inhabitants fled in large numbers to the interior. The wave did not slight damage. In addition to the 200 persons reported to have lost their lives at LeCarbet and Morne Rouge, many other persons are said to have been killed all over the northern districts of the island.

**TRAIN ROBBERS SECURE BOOTY.**  
Forced Messenger to Open Safe--No Clew to Men.

**NASHVILLE, Sept. 1.**—As the north-bound passenger train on the Louisville & Nashville road was leaving Franklin, Tenn., the express car was boarded by two masked men. With a revolver at his head, Messenger Battle was forced to open the outside safe which the robbers rifled. Keeping the messenger covered with guns, the men rode with him into South Nashville, where the train slowed down and they disappeared. It is not known how much booty was secured.

**ESTIMATE BOOTY AT \$500.**  
**NASHVILLE, Sept. 1.**—Express officials estimate the loss at about \$500. Two through safes were not molested.

**FLEW TOO FAST.**  
Dangerous Position of Three Aeroplanes.

**DENVER, Sept. 1.**—After a lapse of 24 hours, during which no word was received from three aeroplanes who left Denver yesterday to try for the transcontinental balloon voyage, a telegram came tonight announcing that the airship had been wrecked in a storm, 2 miles north of Florence Colo. The men were not seriously hurt. The experience of the aeroplanes was terrible. Three times the balloon was carried over Pike's peak. At daylight a landing was made and tonight the men reached Florence.

**SEVEN THOUSAND MINERS.**  
Attend the International Mining Congress.

**BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 1.**—Two thousand delegates from all parts of the world are in attendance at the seventh annual session of the International Mining Congress.

Tomorrow's trains are expected to swell the representation to 5000 delegates. Former Governor Rickards, on behalf of the Business Men's Association, addressed the congress. Rickards' address was one of the features of the day's session, the speaker giving the figures of Butte's extraordinary mineral output. President Shafner followed with his annual address.

**PRESIDENT STILL TOURING.**  
Delivers Many Addresses; Defines Opinion of Monroe Doctrine.

**EAST NORTHFIELD, Mass., Sept. 1.**—President Roosevelt today concluded his tour through Vermont at Brattleboro and is spending the night here. The reception accorded him at Brattleboro was among the most enthusiastic he has received in New England.

The president began the day's journey at Burlington. After a drive about the city, the presidential train started southward, stops being made at Vergennes, Middlebury, Brandon, Proctor, Rutland, Ludlow, Bellows Falls, Chester and Brattleboro.

The president spoke at every stop, but most of the addresses were brief. That of greatest importance was the one delivered at Proctor, wherein he defined his idea of the Monroe doctrine.

**THIRTY PEOPLE ARE KILLED IN WRECK.**  
Eighty Seriously Injured, of Which Twenty-Nine Will Die.

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 1.**—Near Berry, Ala., this morning an engine and four cars of an excursion train on the Southern railway leaped from

the track and rolled over and over, smashing the coaches and causing instant death of 30 persons and injury to eighty others. Physicians says at least 29 of the injured cannot live.

With the exception of H. M. Durlay, trainmaster of the Southern railway; Roscoe Shelby, Columbus, Miss., and H. W. Crook, engineer, all of the dead and injured are negroes. There were 19 cars in the train, but the fourth broke loose from the fifth and with the heavy engine plunged down a steep incline. The cars were crushed like egg shells. The dead bodies were scattered in every direction, and the moans and appeals for help from the wounded were sickening. The wrecking trains, carrying physicians, were hurried to the scene and everything possible was done to alleviate the sufferings of the injured.

**DEMOCRATS TO NOMINATE.**  
California State Convention Will Name Democratic Nominee for Governor.

**SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 1.**—The Democratic state convention will meet tomorrow to nominate a state ticket. For governor there are three prominent candidates—Franklin D. Lane, of San Francisco; Former Congressman Thomas A. Geary, of Sonoma, and Thomas O. Toland, of Ventura. The name of former Governor Jas. H. Budd is mentioned, but the ex-governor has as yet expressed no willingness to enter the contest. It is generally conceded that Lane has the greatest strength at present. He is generally regarded as the candidate of those in control of hasty organization. There are two candidates for chairman, John Coonan, of Eureka, and George S. Patton, of Los Angeles county. Coonan has the backing of the machine. Judge E. C. Farnsworth, of Tulare, is the only candidate for chief justice.

**LABOR DAY OBSERVED.**  
ALL OVER COUNTRY  
Celebrated More Generally Than in Past Years.

**PORTLAND, Sept. 1.**—Associated Press dispatches from all parts of the United States indicate that Labor Day has been celebrated more generally than at any time in the history of organized labor. The celebrations generally took form of parades, picnics, athletic sports, etc. Business houses all over the country were closed to enable the employes to participate in the holiday. In Portland there were immense parades of trades unions, followed during the afternoon by a great celebration on Multnomah field.

**DUEL OVER YOUNG GIRL.**  
As a Result One Is Killed and Two Seriously Hurt.

**WINFIELD, Colo., Sept. 1.**—A revolver and rifle duel was fought on the main street last night and as a result Gus Sjostron, a Swedish miner, was instantly killed, Jim Amson mortally wounded and Chas. W. Benell, a bartender, perhaps fatally wounded. The shooting was the result of jealousy of Amson over Amy Butts, a 15-year-old girl.

**CONVICT DIES OF WOUNDS.**  
Inflicted by Fellow Inmate During a Quarrel.

**SALT LAKE, Sept. 1.**—Michael McCormick, a convict, died tonight from wounds received at the hands of John Gray in the penitentiary yesterday. The men quarreled and Gray stabbed McCormick five times.

**BEATS WIFE AND CHILDREN WITH MONKEY WRENCH.**

**PARK CITY, Utah, Sept. 1.**—This morning William Trotman, after trying to beat the brains out of his wife and two children with a monkey wrench, shot himself through the heart. The wife may recover, but the daughters will probably die. Trotman has been in the insane asylum, but was released.

**GAIL HAMILTON WON.**

**HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 1.**—The \$10,000 futurity was a feature of the Charter Oak grand circuit meet today. The field of eight starters was reduced to three in the final heat. Gail Hamilton won the first, fourth and sixth heats and the race. Time, 2:15, 2:17, 2:18.

**FATHER OF TWENTY-FOUR CHILDREN DEAD.**

**HAGERSTOWN, Md., Sept. 1.**—David Gossard died yesterday, aged 75 years. He was the father of 24 children, twenty of whom are living, and is survived by eighty grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

**NEW WORLD'S RECORD.**

**CHICAGO, Sept. 1.**—A new world's record for running was set at Harlem today when Schmitt won the Twentieth Century handicap at a mile and three-sixteenths in 1:57; previous record was 1:59.

## NAVY BREAKS THE ARMY'S DEFENSE

Admiral Higginson's Force Cuts Cable and Captures Signal Corps.

800 MARINES HOLD VANTAGE

U. S. Cruiser Olympia Makes a Brilliant Dash—Midnight Attack Ends in Favor of Blue Jackets.

**WOOD'S HOLL, Mass., Sept. 1.**—The United States cruiser Olympia dashed into this port this forenoon, landed a force and seized all the telegraph, telephone and cable stations, thereby cutting off all communication with Martha's Vineyard and Elizabeth Island. Of course the seizure and destruction of telegraphic and cable facilities were figurative, and it required the decision of an umpire to make plain whether or not the point attempted by Admiral Higginson had been won. As the landing was made, the telegraph and telephone offices were entered by sufficient force to have destroyed the property or at least the instruments. At the same time a boat's crew had located the cable with grappling hooks and had held them a sufficient period to allow for the cutting, there seemed to be no question that the move had been entirely successful.

The Olympia appeared off this port suddenly this morning, and immediately two boats put off toward shore. One was a launch, and the other a whaleboat, and in them was a detachment under Lieutenant L. M. Everhardt. The launch landed here, while there was a sailboat off shore and began grappling for the cable. The men under Lieutenant Everhardt rushed to the office of the Martha's Vineyard Telegraph Company, and then to the telephone station, and carried out their orders to make the seizure. Having accomplished this work they returned to their launch and joined the whaleboat and returned to their ship.

This move cut off the only communication with the islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard, which are very important observation stations.

**TWO HOURS' BOMBARDMENT.**

Landing Force at Block Island Numbered 800.  
**BLOCK ISLAND, R. I., Sept. 1.**—The Beacon Hill signal and wireless telegraph station, established by the army in connection with the extensive war maneuvers, was captured by the fleet representing the enemy under command of Rear-Admiral Higginson just after 6 o'clock this morning. The station was abandoned after a bombardment of two and a quarter hours and the guard escaped before a superior force of marines, which had landed under cover of fire from the vessels at Great Salt Pond harbor. Eight hundred marines are now holding the station and guarding the approaches, while the fleet is anchored off shore.

It was scarcely midnight when the patrol of the Block Island Life-Saving Station discovered the fleet off the eastern side of the island. The signal station was at once warned and the men considered an attack imminent. They had four hours' leeway. At 4:15 the battleships ran in and opened fire on the island. The range

raked the Great Salt pond and the Beacon Hill station. The reverberations shook the island to its base. The firing was continued until 4:30, when a collier and dispatch-boat entered the harbor and landed a force of men. Before the attack of this detachment, having been reduced by the previous bombardment, the men made their escape.

The landing force of 800 was divided and squads were stationed on each side of the breakwater and at other points along the shore, while an ample force was sent to occupy the Beacon Hill signal station. As the fleet lay off shore, 17 vessels could be counted, including colliers.

**HEAVY FOG ON SOUND.**  
**PASQUE ISLAND, Mass., Sept. 1.**—Cuthunk reports a battle-ship having passed that point headed for Menemsha Light at about 5:30 a. m. There was a fog on the Sound.

**LANDING AT GAYHEAD.**  
**VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Sept. 1.**—The United States cruiser Olympia has landed a detachment of men at Gayhead, and the cable from that point to Pasque Island has been cut in connection with the war maneuvers.

**SIGNAL CORPS CAPTURED.**  
**POINT JUDITH, R. I., Sept. 1.**—After a period of heavy firing off Block Island communication between the army signal station here and the Beacon Hill station at Block Island were cut off for a time. At 10:45 communication was restored, but the enemy was in possession of the wire. Word has been received that the enemy captured the signal station and all but one corps escaped. The corps that has not escaped included one officer and eight men.

**WHAT ADMIRAL HIGGINSON ACCOMPLISHED.**

**NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 1.**—Admiral Higginson accomplished by daylight two things that General MacArthur's army had not anticipated. These were the seizure of Martha's Vineyard and Block Island and the capture of the army's signal station at each place. Tonight he made demonstration in force against the extreme western end of the line of the defending forts but it cannot be determined until later if he actually attempted to force his way into Long Island Sound. At 10:30 tonight came the bulletin announcing the bombardment of Fort Miele and Fort Wright.

**BASEBALL.**

**NORTHWEST LEAGUE.**  
At Butte--Seattle, 5; Butte, 2.  
At Helena--Helena, 4; Portland, 2.  
At Spokane--Tacoma, 8; Spokane, 5.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE.**  
At Brooklyn--Pittsburg, 4; Brooklyn, 3; afternoon game, Brooklyn, 7; Pittsburg, 8.  
At New York--St. Louis, 8; New York, 4; afternoon game, St. Louis, 8; New York, 2.  
At Boston--Boston, 7; Cincinnati, 6; afternoon game, Cincinnati, 7; Boston, 4.  
At Philadelphia--Philadelphia, 11; Chicago, 3; afternoon game, Chicago, 6; Philadelphia, 1.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE.**  
At Detroit--Detroit, 4; Washington, 2; afternoon game, Detroit, 13; Washington, 1.  
At St. Louis--St. Louis, 5; Philadelphia, 1; afternoon game, St. Louis, 4; Philadelphia, 3.  
At Cleveland--Cleveland, 10; Boston, 9; afternoon game, Cleveland, 8; Boston, 6.  
At Chicago--Chicago, 8; Baltimore, 4; afternoon game, Chicago, 5; Baltimore, 5; (tie).

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